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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 9 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark).

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider the agenda item entitled "Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and other in conflict situations".

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83] (A/53/13, A/53/471, A/53/472, A/53/518 and Corr.1, A/53/551, A/53/569, A/53/644)

General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497-S/1998/951, A/53/557, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9, A/C.3/53/12, A/C.3/53/13)

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A/53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322 and Add.1, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423 and Corr.1, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539, A/53/563, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28))

3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 3

Human resources management [119] (A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/ 53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502, A/53/526, A/53/548 and A/C.5/53/L.3)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

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* Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [148] (A/53/274 and Add.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA)
2. The situation in Central America
3. Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 9 November 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 113: Development Account; 93(c): Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; and 91 (a): Transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (b): Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 95: Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations (A/C.2/53/L.8))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Briefing

In conjunction with agenda item 24 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), there will be a briefing, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on Monday, 9 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Mr. Asghar Husain, Director of UNESCO's Unit for Cooperation with Africa (on "UNESCO's New Partnerships in Africa"); Mr. Wataru Nishigahiro, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (on the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)); Dr. Nigel Gibson, Deputy Director, Columbia University's Institute for African Studies (on "Reassessing Africa on the Verge of the 21st century"); and Mr. Daouda Touré, Senior Policy Adviser, United Nations Special Initiative on Africa (UNDP) (who will provide an overview of the Special Initiative). A discussion will follow. Emmanual Goued Njayick, Principal Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL), will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) on Monday, 9 November 1998, and on Wednesday, 11 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) will be held on Monday, 9 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. — 54th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/556) [3].

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolution (A/53/L.24) [12].

3. Culture of peace [31]:

   (a) Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (A/53/370 and Add. 1 and 2*);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.25).

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	36th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussions

A panel discussion on "Is there a Third Way: States and Markets in Socio-economic Development" will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The panellists are Professor Anthony Giddens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Chief Adviser to H.E. Mr. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, intellectual architect of the "Third Way" concept; Mr. Jacques Baudot of France, member of the Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress; Professor Linda Lim of Singapore, Professor of Economics at the School of Business of Michigan University; and Mr. Kwame Pianim of Ghana, Chief Executive Officer, New Word Investment Ltd. (Ghana). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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H.E. Mr. Poul Nielson, Minister for Development Cooperation, Denmark; H.E. Ms. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, former Pesident of Iceland; Mr. Kwame Pianim, Economist (Ghana) and Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University (United States), will brief the Committee on "The Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress: Denmark's contribution to the discussion on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Chairman of the Second Committee will chair the panel discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Copies of the revised text of the draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the session of the Commission acting as preparatory body for the high-level plenary review in the year 2000 (March 1999). Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Monday, 16 November 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999* on Thursday, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal meeting

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations will hold an informal meeting on the theme "Increasing Access to the General Assembly and to All Areas of the Work of the United Nations: An Open Consultation" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminar

A seminar on Japan's financial crisis and the collapse of the main bank myth, organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Mark Scher, DESA. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Police Support Group (UNPSG) on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Michel Pelletier, Acting Director, Europe and Latin America Division, Department of Peackeeping Operations. Chief Supt. Halvor Hartz, outgoing Police Commissioner of the United Nations Police Support Group, will hold a briefing.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

The representatives of Algeria, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, the Republic of Korea and South Africa made statements on matters of procedure.

The First Committee took action on draft resolutions.

The last three words of operative paragraph 3, "and South Asia", of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.37 were adopted by 118 votes to 2, with 21 abstentions. Operative paragraph 3 was adopted by 125 to 1, with 18 abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted as a whole by 129 to 4, with 14 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.47 was adopted by 87 to 40, with 15 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.33 was adopted by 124 to 0, with 19 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.30 was adopted without a vote.

Thursday, 5 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 24th meeting

The First Committee took action on draft resolutions.

Operative paragraph 4 (b) of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.43 was adopted by 100 to 0, with 11 abstentions. Operative paragraph 6 was adopted by 102 to 0, with 12 abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted as a whole 112 to 0, with 12 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.8 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.18 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.25 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.29 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.15 was adopted by 77 to 43, with 16 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.17/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.26 was adopted by 138 to 0, with 4 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.27 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.32/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

Operative paragraph 3 of A/C.1/53/L.44/Rev.1 was adopted by 144 to 0, with no abstentions. Operative paragraph 4 was adopted by 143 to 0, with no abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted as a whole by 134 to 0, with 7 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.40 was adopted by 140 to 0, with 5 abstentions.

THIRD COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.14/Rev.1

The representative of Uruguay, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Algeria, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, China, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Guinea Bissau, Iceland, Indonesia, Namibia, Nigeria, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Moldova, Turkey and Uzbekistan, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Malta joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1

The representative of Slovenia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as New Zealand, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Mongolia, Pakistan and the Republic of Moldova joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.24

The representative of Indonesia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Finland, France, Japan, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Subsequently, Italy and Mali joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.25

The representative of Indonesia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Belgium, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.21

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Tunisia, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.22

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Sweden, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.23

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cyprus, Madagascar, Malta, the United States and Venezuela, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items (b), (c) and (e) and heard an introductory statement under sub-item (b) by the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovakia, Pakistan, Egypt, Jordan, Eritrea, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Food Programme and UNESCO.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.15

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, the Central African Republic, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Liechtenstein, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Singapore, the Solomon Islands, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.19

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Armenia, Botswana, Colombia, Croatia, Guyana, Panama, Peru, the Philippines and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.20

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Colombia, Panama and Peru joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommended to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/53/282.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.16

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Thailand joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.17

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution.

India joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 93 to 17, with 28 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Austria made a statement on behalf of the European Union.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda.

Friday, 6 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3940th meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

Letter dated 3 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1028)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Guinea-Bissau, at his request, to participate in the discussion in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/31).

3941st meeting

The situation in Croatia

Final report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Police Support Group (S/1998/1004)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Croatia, at his request, to participate in the discussion in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/32).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 25th meeting

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.21/Rev.2.

The First Committee took action on draft resolutions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.2 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.36 was adopted by 78 to 0, with 48 abstentions.

Preambular paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13/Rev.1 was adopted by 127 to 0, with 11 abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted as a whole by 136 to 0, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.20/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.7/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

SECOND COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.26

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

A statement was made by the representative of India.

The representative of Indonesia subsequently corrected the text.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(a) Implementation of the follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.25

The representative of Indonesia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. A statement was made by the representative of India.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Uganda and Jamaica.

THIRD COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e) and heard a presentation by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia and the United States made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Representative.

The Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Maurice Copithorne, made a presentation.

The representatives of Norway, the United States and Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Representative.

The Deputy to the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a presentation on behalf of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan.

The Committee then continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, Albania, Norway, Japan, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Iceland), Uganda, Mexico and Indonesia.

Rights of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.26**

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Liechtenstein, Suriname and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced the draft resolution.

38th meeting

The Committee continued it consideration of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e), and heard statements by the representatives of Guatemala, Lithuania, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Turkey, the Sudan, Yemen, Rwanda, Venezuela, Tunisia and Afghanistan.

The observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta also made a statement.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Iraq, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malaysia, Singapore, Eritrea, Rwanda and Uganda.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/101 and A/C.5/53/5)

Following a suspension of the meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mrs. Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica) as member of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the four candidatures of the Asian States to fill the three vacancies of that region and the four candidatures of the Western European and Other States to fill the two vacancies of that region.

The representative of Malawi spoke on a point of order.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Asian States:

Mr. Fumiaka Toya (Japan)	143 votes
Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan)	127 votes
Mr. Rajat Saha (India)	113 votes
Mr. Tang Guangting (China)	105 votes

Western European and Other States:

Mr. Nicholas Thorne (United Kingdom)	105 votes
Mr. Klaus Dieter Stein (Germany)	92 votes
Mr. Luigi Valenza (Italy)	92 votes
Ms. Susan Shearouse (United States)	55 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Fumiaka Toya (Japan), Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), Mr. Rajat Saha (India) and Mr. Nicholas Thorne (United Kingdom) as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

In accordance with Rule 94 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, for the remaining vacancy allocated to the Group of Western European and Other States.

The result of the secret ballot was as follows:

Mr. Luigi Valenza (Italy)	105 votes
Mr. Klaus Dieter Stein (Germany)	67 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Luigi Valenza (Italy) as member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/53/102 and A/C.5/53/6)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Paul Ekorong A. Ndong (Cameroon), Mr. Henry Hanson-Hall (Ghana), Mr. Pieter J. Bierma (Netherlands) and Mr. Neil Francis (Australia) as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

The Committee also decided, by acclamation and without prejudice to rule 159 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint as members of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. Sergio Chaparro Ruiz (Chile) to serve for a two-year term of office from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2000, Mr. Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina) for a two-year term of office from 1 January to 31 December 1999 and from 1 January to 31 December 2001 and Mr. Bernardo Greiver from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/53/103 and A/C.5/53/7)

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidatures to fill the one seat on the Board of Auditors.

Points of order were raised by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Pakistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Morocco and Uganda.

The Chairman responded to questions posed.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines	117 votes
Auditor-General of Pakistan	33 votes
Comptroller and Auditor-General of India	26 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines to the Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/53/104 and A/C.5/53/8)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment of Mr. Yves Oltramare (Switzerland), Mr. E. N. Omaboe (Ghana) and Mr. Jurgen Reimnitz (Germany) for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/53/105 and A/C.5/53/9)

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidatures to fill the two seats on the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland)	133 votes
Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford (United States)	110 votes
Mrs. Anna M. J. Magezi (Uganda)	91 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland) and Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford (United States) as members of the Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

(f) International Civil Service Commission

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission (A/53/106 and A/C.5/53/10)

The representative of Mauritania spoke on a point of information.

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia), Mrs. Turkia Daddah (Mauritania), Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland), Mr. Carlos S. Vegega (Argentina) and Mr. Wolfgang Stockl (Germany) as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

(ii) Designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission (A/C.5/53/10/Add.1)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia) as Chairman and Mr. Carlos S. Vegega as Vice-Chairman of the Commission beginning on 1 January 1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 17 (a) to (f).

21st meeting

United Nations common system [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, Ukraine, the Republic of Korea, Morocco, Bangladesh, China and Uganda.

United Nations pension system [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Uganda.

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee and referred to the relevant developments in the General Assembly.

The Committee also considered communications under the Optional Protocol in closed session.

The Chairman declared the sixty-fourth session of the Committee closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Oman
H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mr. Ion Gorita

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Emilio Izquierdo
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and Other States:
Australia
H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley

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